

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

JOE ANDREW SALAZAR,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HTC CORPORATION,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 2:16-CV-01096-JRG-RSP

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**FOURTH AMENDED DOCKET CONTROL ORDER**

It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

<b>Current Deadline</b>	<b>New Deadline</b>	
April 2, 2018		*Jury Selection - 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b> before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
March 5, 2018		*Pretrial Conference - 1:30 p.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b> before Judge Roy Payne
February 28, 2018		*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer  The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.
February 26, 2018		*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i> , Updated Exhibit Lists, Updated Witness Lists, and Updated Deposition Designations
February 19, 2018		*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.

		If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shelly Holmes, at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov.
February 12, 2018		File Motions <i>in Limine</i>  The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
February 12, 2018		Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
January 29, 2018		Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
January 22, 2018		Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
January 8, 2017		*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)  No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
December 25, 2017		*File Dispositive Motions  No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.  Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. <u>Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u>
December 25, 2017		Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
December 4, 2017		Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert

		Witnesses
November 13, 2017		Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
November 13, 2017		Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
November 14, 2017		Deadline to Complete Mediation  The parties are responsible for ensuring that a mediation report is filed no later than 5 days after the conclusion of mediation.
November 7, 2017		Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
October 17, 2017		*Claim Construction Hearing – 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b> before Judge Roy Payne
October 3, 2017		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
September 26, 2017		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
September 19, 2017	September 20, 2017	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)
September 5, 2017	September 7, 2017	Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)  Good cause must be shown to submit technical tutorials after the deadline to comply with P.R. 4-5(a).
September 5, 2017	September 7, 2017	Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs  Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline.
August 22, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
August 15, 2017		File Response to Amended Pleadings
August 1, 2017		*File Amended Pleadings

		It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.
August 1, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
July 12, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
June 27, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
June 30, 2017		Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)

(\*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**Notice of Mediator:** The parties are to jointly file a notice that identifies the agreed upon mediator or indicates that no agreement was reached. If the parties do not reach an agreement, the Court will appoint a mediator. The parties should not file a list of mediators to be considered by the Court.

**Summary Judgment Motions, Motions to Strike Expert Testimony, and Daubert Motions:** For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, surreply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall submitted on a single flash drive. These copies shall be delivered as soon as briefing has completed.

**Indefiniteness:** In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

**Motions for Continuance:** The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;

- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

**Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”):** Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

**Proposed DCO:** The Parties’ Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under “Amendments to the Docket Control Order (‘DCO’).”

**SIGNED this 31st day of August, 2017.**

  
ROY S. PAYNE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE